# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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US STAND ON INDIA`S DRAFT NUCLEAR DOCTRINE
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the US is still critical of India`s Draft Nuclear Doctrine;

(b) if so, whether the US is still not clear in its stand about the new military regime in Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether India has made it clear to US that there will be no talks in the present situation;

(e) if so, whether the USA has appreciated our stand; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The draft paper `Indian Nuclear Doctrine` prepared by the National Security Advisory Board constitutes one of the inputs submitted to the National Security Council; it is not a government policy document. The issue of defence posture is one of the issues being addressed in our bilateral dialogue with the United States. The dialogue has led to better understanding of our security concerns by the US authorities. During the visit of the US President to India in March, the two sides assessed positively their ongoing dialogue on security issues and agreed that this dialogue should continue.

(b) & (c) The United States has stated on a number of occasions, including during the brief stopover of the US President in Islamabad on 25th March 2000, that it would like to see the restoration of democracy in Pakistan and that political and diplomatic contacts with that country are not an endorsement of the military regime.

(d) The international community, including the United States, is aware of Government`s position that it is for Pakistan to create an appropriate environment for a meaningful dialogue to take place, and for this, Pakistan must stop its sponsorship of and support to cross-border terrorism in India.

(e) & (f) The US sidehas expressed hope for resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan. The US side has reiterated its position, as articulated by President Clinton, namely urging restraint, respect for Line of Control, refraining from violence and for renewed lines of communication. The US side expressed understanding for India`s position that Pakistan must stop its support for cross-border terrorism and violence in Jammu and Kashmir and create the conditions for the dialogue to take place.